

**REMARKS**

This Amendment, submitted in response to the Office Action dated September 20, 2007, is believed to be fully responsive to each point of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

**I. Amendments to claims**

Claims 1-3, 6-9, 13, 14, 17-20, 24-29, 31-33, and 35 are pending in the present application. Claims 4, 5, 10-12, 15-16, 21-23 and 30 have been canceled.

Claims 27-29, 31-33 and 35 are allowed.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 5, 12, 16 and 23 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to include the subject matter of allowable claim 5. Applicant has amended independent claim 3 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 5. Applicant has amended independent claim 8 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 12. Applicant has amended independent claim 14 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 16. Applicant has amended independent claim 19 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 23. Applicant has amended independent claim 25 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 16. Applicant has amended independent claim 26 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 23.

Since the claims have been amended to include allowable subject matter, Applicant believes that all the claims should now be deemed allowable.

**II. Rejection of claims 1-3, 6, 14, 17 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103**

Claims 1-3, 6, 14, 17 and 25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jiang (U.S. Pub. No. 2004/0153502; hereinafter “Jiang”) in view of Leigh (U.S. Pub. 2003/0158940; hereinafter “Leigh”). In view of the amendments discussed above, Applicant submits that the rejection of claims 1-3, 6, 14, 17 and 25 is now moot.

**III. Rejection of claims 4 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103**

Claims 4 and 15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jiang in view of Parmar (US Pub. No. 20004/0111529; hereinafter “Parmar”). In view of the amendments discussed above, Applicant submits that the rejection of claims 4 and 15 is now moot.

**IV. Rejection of claims 7 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103**

Claims 7 and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jiang in view of Leigh and further view of Zhang et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2004/0001509; hereinafter “Zhang”). In view of the amendments discussed above, Applicant submits that the rejection of claims 7 and 18 is now moot.

**V. Rejection of claims 8, 9, 19, 20 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. § 103**

Claims 8, 9, 19, 20 and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Zhang in view of Leigh. In view of the amendments discussed above, Applicant submits that the rejection of claims 8, 9, 19, 20 and 26 is now moot.

**VI. Rejection of claims 10, 11, 21 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103**

Claims 10, 11, 21 and 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Zhang in view of Leigh and further view of Parmar. In view of the amendments discussed above, Applicant submits that the rejection of claims 10, 11, 21 and 22 is now moot.

**VII. Rejection of claims 13 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103**

Claims 13 and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Zhang in view of Leigh and further view of Abdo (US. Pub. No. 20004/0052257; hereinafter “Abdo”). In view of the amendments discussed above, Applicant submits that the rejection of claims 13 and 24 is now moot.

**VIII. Conclusion**

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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